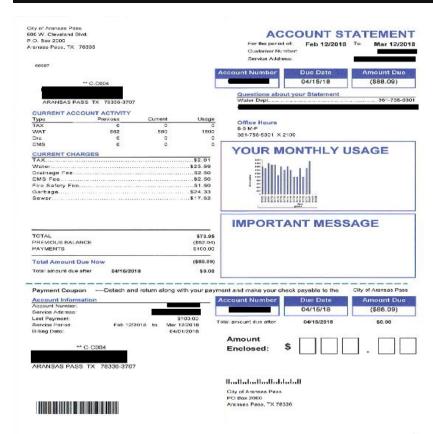


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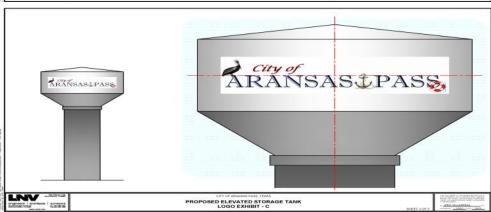
#### **NEW WATER BILL LOOK**

There will be a change in appearance to your utility bill beginning May 1st. See sample Bill to the left. The City will be transitioning from the postcard bill to a letter size bill. The new bill will feature a graph showing twelve months of consumption and will be easier to read. The due date will remain the same. The change is part of the City's ongoing effort to provide enhanced service.

### MILLIONS GO THRU ARANSAS PASS

When the 28 vehicle Amandeo Saenz ferry was dedicated at Port Aransas March 9th, (see pic to the left) it was announced that 6.3 million people use the ferry each year. That means all those people go through Aransas Pass. A current goal is to make A.P. a destination so they will visit our community longer.





#### YOU CAN CHOOSE NEW WATER TOWER LOGO

During the March 12th City Council workshop meeting, the Council was presented with four design concepts for the new water tower. The previous tower was destroyed during Hurricane Harvey. It was the consensus of the City Council to give the residents of Aransas Pass the opportunity to vote for their favorite logo. The emblem with the most votes will be placed on the new tower. It replaces the former water tower that collapsed during Hurricane Harvey. The new tower should be completed this calendar year and will be located at the site of the old tower. Residents can vote on-line at the City's Facebook page, or come into City Hall and place your vote at our Utility Billing windows.

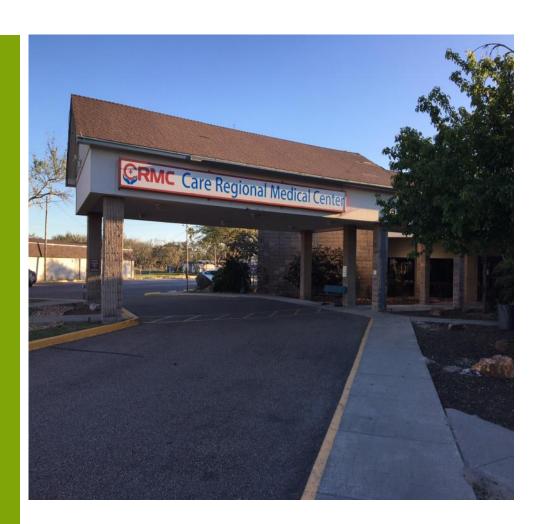
## HARRISON BLVD TO BE COMPLETED

Earlier this year, TxDot redesigned and renovated Harrison Blvd from Wheeler to Goodnight. That portion is owned by the State. Palm trees and other plants and landscaping features were installed. "Keep Aransas Pass Beautiful" (KAPB) has offered to complete the landscaping work on Harrison Blvd. from Goodnight to Commercial (see pic below). That is the portion owned by the City. During it's March 19th regular meeting, the **Aransas Pass City Council** authorized KAPB to complete work on Harrison Blvd. KAPB currently is raising the needed funds.



### HURRICANE RE-COVERY FUNDING SOURCES

FEMA is the City's largest hurricane recovery funding source. There are about 60 storm damaged city facilities totaling approximately \$22 million under review by FEMA. This includes such things as the collapsed water tower, the civic center, repairs to City Hall and many more items. Also, the City is talking with other Federal, State and private agencies who are considering assisting with additional hurricane related expenses.



# TOUR OF LOCAL HOSPITAL REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL

During its March 19th City Council meeting, the Aransas Pass City Council heard a report from San Patricio County Commissioner, Howard Gillespie, that Texas A&M Associate Vice Chancellor John Barton and two members of the Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas met with Care Regional Medical Center staff and Commissioner Gillespie. They toured the Aransas Pass Facility, gathered information and asked questions to determine the status of returning needed hospital services back to Aransas Pass and nearby communities. As Gillespie reported to the City Council, the visiting group is committed to work with us to help carry out the hospital staff's plan to bring the facility back into operation. While several options were discussed, all agreed that a first step is bringing back Emergency Room services. Gillespie indicated to the City Council that he will keep the Council informed as the process proceeds, but it will be a long process and, at this time, there is no estimate when services will be partially or fully restored.

### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

The graphs below show the status of monthly City Finances as presented by Finance Director Sandra Garcia during the March 19th City Council meeting. This is a regular newsletter feature. In the case of revenues and expenditures, the blue bar shows the budget amount and the orange bar shows the actual amount collected or expended. In the case of the sales tax and property tax, the blue bar represents 2017 and the orange bar represents 2018. In sum, the revenue picture continues to be stable to good. However, it still is early in the fiscal year. We are closely watching property taxes.

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